



Office of Environmental Health E-Newsletter

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September 2005

Arizona Registered Sanitarian Conference

The 1st Annual Arizona Registered Sanitarian Conference is scheduled for November 15 - 16, 2005 at the ADHS State Laboratory in downtown Phoenix.

ADHS is providing this opportunity considering this is the first year contact hours will be required for registered sanitarian renewal and the dire consequences if those contact hours are not acquired by December 31, 2005 for the 2006 renewal.

The driving force behind this conference is to allow those sanitarians that have failed to get their contact hours a last minute option. All sanitarians are encouraged to register but priority will be given to those sanitarians that need the contact hours.

The agenda and registration form are available on-line at: www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/rs/training.htm. Only emailed registration forms will be accepted unless you contact (602) 364-3140 for exceptions. Instructions are on the form.

Topics will include: petting zoos and other zoonotic public health issues, WNV update, Arizona enteric disease report, Sunwise Program, food biosecurity, hepatitis A and C, food tampering case study, integrated pest management and children's environmental health.

Registration is open and registration forms must be received electronically on or before October 14, 2005. Registration confirmation will be sent out electronically shortly after the close of registration.

Continuing Education Calculations

As we have been alerting everyone, starting with the upcoming 2006 renewal process each registered sanitarian must obtain 12 hours of Arizona Sanitarian's Council approved continuing education in each calendar year for renewal of registration.

The Sanitarian's Council calculates contact hours based on actual classroom or instruction time. For example, if a session lasts 45 minutes and there is a 15 minute snack break or other non-instructional activity, e.g., meetings with exhibitors, the Council will only award the session

time which in this example is 0.75 hours.

Keep in mind that a registered sanitarian that has been registered for less than 12 months is not required to obtain Council approved continuing education for renewal of registration.

For specific questions regarding the renewal process or other registration matters, please contact Don Herrington, Arizona Sanitarian's Council Chair, at herrind@azdhs.gov or (602) 364-3142.

WAFDO Conference Scheduled for Scottsdale

The Western Association of Food and Drug Officials' 2005 Educational Conference is scheduled for September 12 -14, 2005 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Agenda highlights include: Agro-terrorism, implementing the BT Act, tracking software, pharmacogenomics, and USP monograph.

Registration information is available at the WAFDO Website at: www.wafdo.org/events.htm.

FDA Program Standards Self-Assessment Workshop Set for September 16th

John Marcello, FDA Retail Food Specialist, will be presenting a daylong workshop on how to conduct a Program Standards self-assessment. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 2005 at the ADHS Building in downtown Phoenix.

All county jurisdictions are invited to attend including newly enrolled jurisdictions, those planning to join, and 2nd self-assessment jurisdictions.

Please contact John Marcello at (480) 829-7396 x35 or john.marcello@fda.gov for registration and additional information.

FDA Pre-Standardization Workshop Set for October 25th - 27th

John Marcello, FDA Retail Food Specialist, will be presenting a three-day Pre-Standardization Workshop on October 25 - 27, 2005 at the Maricopa County Department of Environmental Services in central Phoenix.

The workshop is designed to prepare staff for Food Code Standardization and involves classroom instruction and field training. Enrollment is limited.

Please contact John Marcello at (480) 829-7396 x35 or john.marcello@fda.gov for

registration and additional information.

Oral Proceedings for School Rules

The oral proceedings for the proposed rulemaking package for the Public School Sanitation rules will be held at ADHS on August 26, 2005.

The next step in the process is to review the public comments, make changes to the proposed rules, finalize the Economic Impact Statement and then file the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council.

The proposed rules can be viewed at:
www.azsos.gov/aar/2005/30/proposed.pdf

A draft Arizona Public Schools Evaluation Report (inspection form) is available for review and comment at:

www.azdhs.gov/phs/oeh/fses/dow.htm. The report form was designed and developed to reflect the proposed rules.

Bob Gomez is the ADHS contact for this rule change. He can be reached at (602) 364-3140 or gomezr@azdhs.gov.

Milk Rules Filed with GRRC

The milk rule Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was filed with the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. ADHS has requested

that the rules be heard at the Council meeting on October 6, 2005.

FY 2005 Food Safety and Environmental Services Report

ADHS will be releasing the FY 2005 Food Safety and Environmental Services Activity Report in late-September 2005. The report will be available on the ADHS Website and notice to each county and the Azsafefood Listserv will be provided with the specific site address.

The report is a compilation of activities relative to the 15 Arizona counties' delegation agreements with ADHS. The report includes activities from ADHS and Arizona State University.

Counties and ASU are required to submit their reports to ADHS by September 1st.

Newsletter comments or questions can be directed to Bob Gomez, Program Manager, ADHS, at (602) 364-3140 or gomezr@azdhs.gov.



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